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H. R. 1365

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain acquisition innovation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2017

Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-
5 land Security Acquisition Innovation Act”.

6 SEC. 2. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Homeland Secu-
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 710. ACQUISITION INNOVATION.**

2 “The Under Secretary for Management may—

3 “(1) designate an individual within the Department to manage acquisition innovation efforts of the Department;

6 “(2) test emerging acquisition best practices to carrying out acquisitions, consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation and Department acquisition management directives, as appropriate;

10 “(3) develop and distribute best practices and lessons learned regarding acquisition innovation throughout the Department; and

13 “(4) establish metrics to measure the effectiveness of acquisition innovation efforts with respect to cost, operational efficiency of the acquisition program (including timeframe for executing contracts), and collaboration with the private sector, including small businesses.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 709 the following new item:

“Sec. 710. Acquisition innovation.”.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Security submits the annual budget justification for the Department of Home-

1 land Security, the Secretary shall, if appropriate, submit
2 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
3 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the
5 activities undertaken in the previous fiscal year in further-
6 ance of section 710 of the Homeland Security Act, as
7 added by subsection (a) of this Act. Each such report shall
8 include information on the following:

9 (1) Emerging acquisition best practices that
10 were tested within the Department during such year.

11 (2) Efforts to distribute best practices and les-
12 sons learned within the Department, including
13 through web-based seminars, training, and forums,
14 during such year.

15 (3) Utilization by components throughout the
16 Department of best practices distributed by the
17 Under Secretary of Management pursuant to para-
18 graph (3) of such section 710.

19 (4) Performance as measured by the metrics es-
20 tablished under paragraph (4) of such section 710.

21 (5) Any impacts of the utilization of innovative
22 acquisition mechanism by the Department on small
23 businesses.

